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PALM BEACH, FLA. (AP)-PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY GOT A TOP SECRET BRIEFING TODAY ON THE TENSE CARIBBEAN SITUATION. HE ALSO ARRANGED TO DISCUSS UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS NEXT WEEK WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY.

WITH AMERICAN WARSHIPS AND PLANES PATROLLING THE GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA REGIONS ON AN ANTI-COMMUNIST MISSION ORDERED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, KENNEDY RECEIVED A REPORT ON THAT MATTER FROM ALLEN W. DULLES, CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

KENNEDY, DULLES AND DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD BISSELL WERE TOGETHER FOR 2 HOURS AND 40 MINUTES AT THE OCEAN FRONT HOME OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

KENNEDY HEADQUARTERS DECLINED COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE BRIEFING. DULLES DID NOT SEE NEWSMEN AFTER THE HUSH-HUSH SESSION.

IN RESPONSE TO A NEWS CONFERENCE QUESTION, DONALD M. WILSON, ACTING PRESS SECRETARY TO KENNEDY, SAID THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ACTION ORDERING U.S. NAVAL UNITS TO THE CARIBBEAN TO BLOCK ANY COMMUNIST-LED ATTACK ON GUATEMALA OR NICARAGUA. WILSON SAID KENNEDY FEELS COMMENT BY HIM WOULD BE IMPROPER "BECAUSE HE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY" UNTIL HE TAKES OFFICE JAN. 20.

WILSON ANNOUNCED THAT KENNEDY WILL CONFER WITH MEANY IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING ON UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL INTERRUPT HIS FLORIDA WORKING VACATION THEN TO SPEND THANKSGIVING DAY WITH HIS FAMILY AT HIS HOME IN THE CAPITAL.

KENNEDY REQUESTED THE CARIBBEAN AREA BRIEFING HE GOT FROM DULLES AND BISSELL.

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